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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hans-Joachim Weinhand

CASE: OST-041369

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FOR: SYSTEM FOR TREATING, IN  
PARTICULAR FOR  
CATAPHORETICALLY DIP-  
COATING VEHICLE BODIES

STATEMENT OF BASIS  
FOR RELEVANCE OF  
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PUBLICATION NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	BASIS FOR RELEVANCE
DE 20105676	01/29/2001	A painting coating bath for vehicle bodies has guide rails along each side above the bath. Vehicle bodies are mounted on support frame and held in a tilt mounting at the ends of pairs of support arms (50) mounted on self propelled trolleys running along the rails. The support arms, and the tilt mountings, are independently servo driven by drives that do not dip into the bath. The paint coating bath is one of a number of treatment bath along the paint line. The dual tilt action of the handling system enables steep sided compact baths to be used. The drawings shows a paint bath and handling system.

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The dryer conveyor device has a conveyor (30) adjoining the skid conveyor (26) and moving the skid frame (24) at the process advance speed along a skid frame path through the paint dryer section (19). The dryer conveyor runs underneath the skid frame path and transfers the skid frame to the conveyor level (SFH) of the skid conveyor (26), lifts it over a steep plane (36) to the conveyor height (TH) of the dryer cabin. In the transfer station (28) the dryer conveyor approaches the relevant skid frame (24) from below with a skid frame pick-up and takes up the skid frame. The skid frame pick-up supports the skid frame at two spaced points.

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04/10/1986

The installation for moving motor vehicle bodies (S) through an electro-phoretic (dip) phosphating and lacquer applying station comprises carriers (A) transferred from a loading line to a treating line (10). The latter has two transport chains with two pairs of swivelably suspended arms holding each carrier. An overhead conveyor over the loading line comprises two endless chains releasably couplable to L-shaped swivel arms to move these from a storage area to a receiving station and, from there, to a transfer station. In the station, two pairs of arms are released from the chains, spaced and spread apart, a carrier is lifted, the arms are moved together to grip below the carrier and re-coupled with the chains. At the station (28), the arms are released from the chains (18) and coupled with the chains (58).

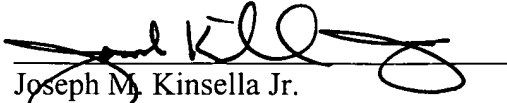
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DE19641048	10/04/1996	<p>The workpieces are detachably fastened to holding frames (7), each of which has rotational pivot points (13) orientated perpendicularly to the direction of movement of the workpieces. The pivot points are moved translatory and continuously at constant speed. Simultaneously, the workpieces at the beginning or end of the handling area are steered around one of these pivot points and each rotated by 180 degrees in the direction of the translatory movement.</p>
DE20022634	09/27/2000	<p>The surface treatment plant for motor vehicle body parts has several traveling carriages (13) movable on guides (16, 17), and each equipped with a holder for a body part and has a rotational axis which is located in such a way that by rotation around this axis the body part can be brought into and out of especially an immersion bath. Each carriage has its own drive, and the carriages are movable independent of other carriages so that a combination of continuous and non-continuous feed of the carriages can be pre-selected.</p>

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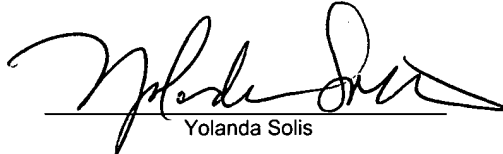
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